



SENIOR STRATEGIC COURSE

Activity number 23-24/64/1-3

Invitation / Call for Nominations

The *Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations* (BE), the *National College of Home Affairs* (RO), the *Institute for Higher National Defence Studies* (IHEDN, FR), the *Federal Academy for Security Policy* (BAKS, DE), together with the *Royal Higher Institute for Defence* (IRSD, BE), and the *Center for Higher Defence Studies* (CASD, IT) have the honour of inviting participants for the **2023/2024 SENIOR STRATEGIC COURSE on European Security and Defence**, a modular course developed under the aegis of the *European Security and Defence College* (ESDC).

The course consists of three modules during the 2023-2024 academic year. Module 1 (05-07 February 2024) will take place in Brussels (BE), Module 2 (18-19 March 2024) in Berlin (DE), while the third module (28-30 May 2024) will take place in Rome (IT).

The overall aim of the Senior Strategic Course (SSC) is to generate and stimulate a substantive and in-depth top management level exchange of ideas related to European security and defence. The course generates the environment to promote a common European security culture and aims to foster the network of current leaders involved in the strategic aspects of the CFSP/CSDP.

Participants should be in top-level management positions from the areas of security, defence, police and diplomacy– from EU Member States and from the EU bodies: those that will make decisions on and implement strategy. A strictly limited number of slots will also be allocated to senior participants from academia and industry.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

We are very pleased to invite you to nominate candidates for this ESDC activity by 10 December 2023 and to contribute to the further development of a European strategic culture as well as to cooperation between all EU actors.

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Annex A – Administrative Instructions

a. Target group

The Senior Strategic Course is open to participants from EU Member States, EU institutions and agencies, CSDP missions and operations. Participants should occupy top-level management positions in the civilian, police, diplomatic and military environment – but also in industry or the academic sector – working on peace, security, and defence.

We particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

The ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the training institutions will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

b. Seats

One seat per Member State can be allocated based on the profile of the candidates (the seats will not be redistributed in case of no nomination from a Member State). In addition, three seats will be allocated for EU institutions and agencies, three for CSDP missions and operations, three for the industry sector and three for the academic sector.

c. Nomination and registration

The nomination by the Member States, EU entities and missions will be done exclusively using the ENLIST nominators (<https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>). The candidates originating from academia and industry can send their applications to the co-organising institutions and the ESDC training managers in charge of the course.

Following the mandatory nomination in ENLIST, the candidates will have to register their application (and add their personal info and CVs) using the dedicated webform:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOPLEVEL>

The deadline for nomination and registration is **10 December 2023**.

d. Selection

A joint commission (composed of representatives from the organising institutes and the ESDC) will finally select the participants among the nominees, ensuring a balance between the different areas and considering the overall (including gender) diversity of the group. **A decision on the final list is to be issued no later than 15 December 2023.**

e. Additional information

- Confirmed course participants are advised to plan their travel for the day before the start of the module and for after the end of the activity.
- The modules will be preceded by a mandatory (short) e-Learning module (set to start two weeks before each module), which needs to be finalised before the residential phases.
- The working language for all modules is English. No translation will be provided.



- Attendance of the course is mandatory on all days. A certificate will be awarded to those course participants who have completed the full course (all three modules).
- All costs for travelling, accommodation and catering are to be covered by the sending authorities or by the participants themselves.
- Further detailed information on the course will be forwarded via email directly to the confirmed course participants as soon as the final list of participants will have been decided.
- Additional information can be obtained from the ESDC training managers in charge of this course, Dr Georgică Panfil (georgica.panfil@eeas.europa.eu) and Moritz Herzberg (moritz.herzberg@eeas.europa.eu).